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HOUSE BILL 881

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING THE ALLIED HEALTH STUDENT LOAN  
FOR SERVICE ACT TO INCLUDE A DENTAL HYGIENIST.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 21-22C-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
Chapter 57, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-22C-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Allied Health  
Student Loan for Service Act:

A. "allied health profession" means physical  
therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology,  
audiology, pharmacy, nutrition, respiratory care, laboratory  
technology, radiologic technology, dental hygiene, mental  
health services, emergency medical services or a licensed or  
certified health profession as defined by the [~~commission~~]  
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B. [~~commission~~] "department" means the  
~~[commission on]~~ higher education department;

C. "loan" means a grant of money to defray the  
costs incidental to an allied health profession education,  
under a contract between the [~~commission~~] department and an  
allied health profession student, requiring repayment with  
services or repayment of principal and interest; and

D. "student" means a resident of New Mexico who is  
enrolled in an accredited program for one of the allied health  
professions."